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#### **AGENDA**

#### SECOND SESSION

CAREER SERVICE PANEL
OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
15 November 1973

1400 hours 607 - Conference Room

- 1. Review of agenda for 15 November 1973
- 2. Review of minutes for:
  - a. 10 September 1973
  - b. 16 October 1973
  - c. 5 November 1973
- 3. Report from Chief, Support Staff/ORD
- 4. Report from Chairman, CSP/ORD
- 5. Discussion on Awarding Quality Step Increases
- 6. Promotion Recommendations GS-13 to GS-14

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a. . TCR/ORD - TCR/ORD

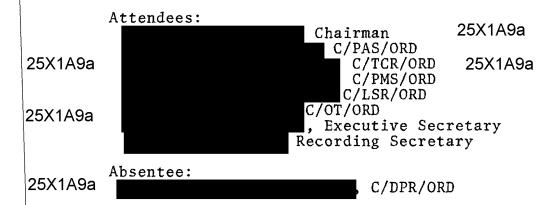
7. New business

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1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1410 hours.

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2. Explained to the CSP members that the minutes for 5 November 1973 had been prepared in accordance with instructions from Dr. Stevens. Dr. Stevens asked that no record be made of the discussion of ORD professional employees ranked at the bottom of the ranking lists for GS-12s, 13s, and 14s developed during the competitive evaluations done during the period from January to September 1973. He told the Panel if they had any questions regarding this decision, he would attempt to answer their questions.

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asked about Dr. Stevens comments on the ORD Table of Organization and his feeling that the Division Chief should be given more power in planning the structure of his division in order that he might have a better planning tool in terms of assignments and promotions.

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4. Let me comment on my experience in serving on the OSI Career Panel. When promotion recommendations came before the Panel strong objections were interposed when the promotion was premature or no slot or headroom was available

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in the division structure. This would mean that the person to be promoted would be slotted against a vacant slot in someone else's Division. The ORD Career Service Panel could operate in that fashion, or the Panel could take a broader view which I thought we were working toward. I know Manny you are new on the scene and so is Harry. But the only old-timers like Bob, Frank, Nick and myself have experienced the situation wherein there tended to be a bit of what I will call "anarchy" brought about by supervisors who came in the quickest with promotion recommendations, knew how to play the game and got more than his deserved share of prime assignments. You can sense from this that we are working toward the one where we will sit down and really look at the structure and the personnel needs of the office. For the first time the Panel members were working together and you will find this view expressed in the minutes about three months ago, where I commented that the ORD/CSP has come a long way. Now we can either reflect on what the office requirements are (and you will have another piece of information that was not provided Division Chiefs in the past - the staffing complement for your Division), or operate in some other way. Previously all the slots were thrown into a pile and they were administrated from the Support Staff at the direction of the Office Chief. was the policy of the previous management.

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What is the status of the memorandum written to D/PERS for Dr. Stevens signature requesting the transfer of positions from the Office of Research and Development to the Office of Development and Enginering? This is a step towards planning slots for Divisions. We have had no comments from the Director. We are now trying to pull together another staffing complement for ORD, and that requires approval of Dr. Stevens of the above memorandum. This will go back to Office of Personnel. We will than have the audit exercise of the Office. When this is completed, there will be a TO.

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I am trying to answer the question raised by Manny concerning the authority of the Division Chief over the structuring of his Division in terms of the staffing complement, promotions, etc.

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This is a very great change in how TOs are established. It would give Division Chiefs more influence on the structure of the TO than in the past.

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5. The Panel addressed themselves to the comments made by Dr. Stevens on the Division Chief's position to decide and recommend his people for promotion and that these promotions could be reviewed every month instead of twice a year per ORD/CSP schedule.

expressed concern with this approach for it appears to override the function of the CSP.

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6. If feel we all have the responsibility as managers in doing what is right for the Office.

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I want this made part of the record. I feel I am required to give independent representation to this Panel. I don't feel that the members should represent Divisions; they should represent the Office. I am not going to abrogate my responsibility to this Panel. I am going to recommend promotion of my employees when I think they should be promoted. If Dr. Stevens wants to disapprove my recommendation, he has a right to do this. I believe that Dr. Stevens might have misunderstood how the Panel was handling promotions. He might have thought that the first five men on the ranking and promotability lists were promoted regardless of the desires of the Division Chief, I don't think he realized that the first five men listed are regarded as "comers" and that the Division Chief still has to recommend promotion. I think he thought these five men were promoted automatically and felt that the sixth man on the list couldn't get promoted. I would aggree that this interpretation is not desirable.

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8. I want to point out that as time goes on and personnel are transferred to ORD, the Panel is going to be asked to make judgments on people they know very little about. It probably will be a continuing problem in the future for this Panel to make good judgments about personnel.

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- 9. There are office needs and Division needs and there has to be a balance.
- 10. The Chairman then resumed the schedule of the Agenda.
- 11. The following items were added to the Agenda under new business:

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#### 11. (Continued)

- a. Discussion of PSIs.
- b. ORD Charter.
- c. Need for the Special Panel which deals with the secretarial and clerical personnel.
- d. Nominee for the Carnegie-Mellon University Program for Executives from 3 February 5 April 1974.
- e. Consideration of two training requests that exceed \$500 approval delegated to the Chairman, CSP/ORD.

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f. Discussion on Employees in Grade over Five Years.

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12. moved to approve the minutes for 10 September 1973, 16 October 1973, and 5 November 1973 as written. seconded the motion. The Panel concurred.

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- 13. submitted his report to the Panel. (Copy attached) He asked the Panel to note page 2.
- 14. The Chairman reported to the Panel on items that had been reviewed in previous CSP meetings:

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a. Promotion actions for and are still pending. We have a tentative agreement with OD&E that a transferred slot would be made available for promotion. We don't know about the availability of a GS-15 slot for It might be academic to sign his promotion action.

Dr. Stevens feels is worthy of 25X1A9a promotion also.

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- b. Quality Step increases for have not been signed.
- 15. The Chairman then went on to Item 5 on the Agenda. He stated that Dr. Stevens had asked what mechanism did the CSP/ORD use to determine the individuals who merited a QSI, and what procedures we followed to judge the recommendation.

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stated he told Dr. Stevens that the QSI is largely recommended by the Division Chief and then reviewed by the ORD/CSP. The Chairman told Dr. Stevens that the ORD/CSP did not have any guidelines or criteria per se that it could use as a means for measuring the merits of a recommendation for a QSI. Dr. Stevens requested that the Panel review the mechanism and try to establish some guidelines. The Chairman felt the best way to accomplish this was to appoint a committee to study the problem and come up with recommendations.

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to the QSI Committee to determine what kinds appointed \_\_\_\_\_ 16. of criteria should be used by the Panel to review the QSI recommendations. The Chairman also asked the Committee to recommend a review mechanism. For example: Does the ORD/CSP identify the people who should get a QSI when they go through their evaluation exercises, or should the Panel establish a schedule when they should consider QSI recommendations? asked the QSI Committee to report back to the Panel on their recommendations at the 7 January 1974 meeting.

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stated that Dr. Stevens is looking for an Office reward system. The review of people meriting a QSI would be done periodically during the year and independent of the competitive evaluation.

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suggested consideration of the Agency's Certificate of Merit which has no monetary reward, and the Certificate of Merit which has an award of \$100.

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Chairman wanted the QSI Committee to do. following: Do you want us to determine the mechanism or formulation of the procedures by which we evaluate people for QSI awards, or do you also want us to decide what reward they deserve (i. e., QSI versus Certificate of Merit)? Merit)? point with QSIs only.

20. Candidates submitted by the Division Chiefs for a Quality Step Increase were as follows:

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21. stated he was not sure whether Dr. Stevens would add the QSI recommendations for to this list or treat them 25X1A9a

separately.

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22. moved to recommend approval to the D/ORD on the promotion recommendation for TCR/ORD, from GS-13 to GS-14.

seconded the motion. The Panel concurred.

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Charter under new business. Stated he felt discussion should be tabled until the audit of the Office has been made by Ptsition Management and Compensation Division, Office of Personnel (PMCD/OP). Suggested that the ORD/CSP recommend no organizational changes until the PMCD recommendation to the Director of Personnel on the Standardization of the Use of Organizational Titles within the Agency is available. (Copy Attached) invited the Panel's review of Item 3 of the memorandum.

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25. There were no ORD nominees for the Carnegie-Mellon University Program for Executives from 3 February - 5 April 1974.

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moved to recommend approval on 25X1A9a the training requests submitted by to attend "A Workshop in Principles, Applications, and Practice," sponsored by the Industrial Management Center Inc. from 6 January - 10 January 1974. seconded the motion. The Panel concurred unanimously. Motion carried.

- 27. Discussion on the Special Panel was deferred until the next meeting.
- 28. Discussion was held on those employees who have been in grade over five years and what can be done to help The following people were discussed:
  - 25X1A9a GS-14. OT/ORD (27 September 1964)
  - 25X1A9a b. , GS-14, TCR/ORD (17 September 1967)
  - 25X1A9a GS-14, CDAM/ORD (29 August 1965; recently transferred from OWI (FMSAC))
  - 25X1A9a d. , GS-14, CDAM/ORD (10 August 1969; recently transferred from OSI)
  - 25X1A9a GS-13, DPR/ORD (11 June 1967; recently transferred from OSI)

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29. 25X1A9a stated that he had been in touch with OSI on half-way down on the GS-14 list. is half-way down on the GS-13 list. He stated he would have to inquire about stated these men would be placed on ORD's GS-14 and GS-13 ranking lists.

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30. Discussion followed on

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32. The meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

> 25X1A9a Executive Secretary, CSP Office of Research and Development

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2 Attachments

a. Report from C/SS/PMS/ORD

b. PMCD Memorandum

Subject: Standardization of the Use of Organizational Titles within the Agency

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Chairman, Career Service Panel/ORD

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